

Liber W. C. Joshua the sd Negroe to him the said James to render and restore hath hitherto denyed & refused and ye same Negroe to him to render and restore doth still denye & unjustly detaine To the damage of the said James One hundred pounds sterling and thereupon he bringeth his suite

And the said Joshua Doyne by Thomas Burford his Attorney cometh & defendeth the force and injury when &c. and prayeth Liberty to imparle hereunto untill the next Provinciaall Court and it is granted unto him and the same day is given to the plt likewise

Now here at this day (to wit) the third day of July in the Eighth yeare of the Dominion of the Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> Charles Lord Baltemore &c. Annoq<sup>ue</sup> Doni 1683: came the said partyes by their Attorneys aforesaid and the said Joshua Doyne by his said Attorney sayth that he the said Joshua did not take and Carry away the sd Negroe nor the same from the same James detaine in manner and forme as the said James hath above declared against him And of this he putts himselfe upon the Country. And the plt likewise, Itt is therefore comanded the sheriffe of S<sup>t</sup> Maries County that he Cause to Come here Twelve &c. by whome &c. and who neither &c. to recognize &c. because aswell &c

On wch said third day of July in the yeare aforesaid came the pytes aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid and the Jurors impannelled being Called likewise came (to wit) Phillip Lynes Richard Keene John Hungerford Richard Royston John Power Samuel Dobson John Wilkenson, Thomas Stonestreet James Phillips, Stephen Murty Dennis Hurley Hugh Hopewell Who being elected tryed and sworne to say the truth in the premisses Upon their Oathes doe say That the said Joshua Doyne did take and carry away the said Negroe man named Matthew and him doth unjustly detaine in manner & forme as the said James Mills hath above declared against him, W<sup>ch</sup> verdict of the Jurors aforesaid being read & heard the said Joshua Doyne by his attorney aforesaid moved in arrest of Judgment and day is thereupon given to both partyes untill tomorrow morning

On w<sup>ch</sup> day (to wit) the fourth day of July of July in the yeare aforesaid came the said James Mills by his Attorney aforesaid and Offered himself against the sd Joshua Doyne of and upon the premisses aforesaid but the said Joshua to file his reasons for arresting the Judgment upon the verdict of the Jurors aforesaid came not but made default, Itt is therefore considered by the Court here that the said James Mills Recover against the said Joshua Doyne his damages by him Sustained by occasion of the takeing carryeing away and detaineing of the Negroe by the said Joshua as aforesaid, but because it is not Knowne to the Court here what damages the said James hath Sustained by occasion thereof It is therefore ordered by the Court here that a writt of Enquiry of Damages Issue thereupon returnable at the next Provinciaall Court.